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Interview Summary

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Examiner

Philip B Tran

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Philip B Tran - Patent Examiner.

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(2) Eric Schneider - Prose Applicant.

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Date of Interview: 21 October 2004.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 21 and 36.

Identification of prior art discussed: Smith et al (U.S. Pat. No. 6,578,078) and Ong (U.S. Pat. Application Pub. No. US 2002/0156800 A2).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed about Ong and Smith references. Examiner disagreed with prose applicant about the view on the teachings of Smith and Ong. Examiner maintained that combination of Smith and Ong still read on the vague language of the independent claims 21 and 36. Applicant will amend claims to make it distinguished from cited prior arts and examiner will examine it accordingly.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

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Examiner's signature, if required